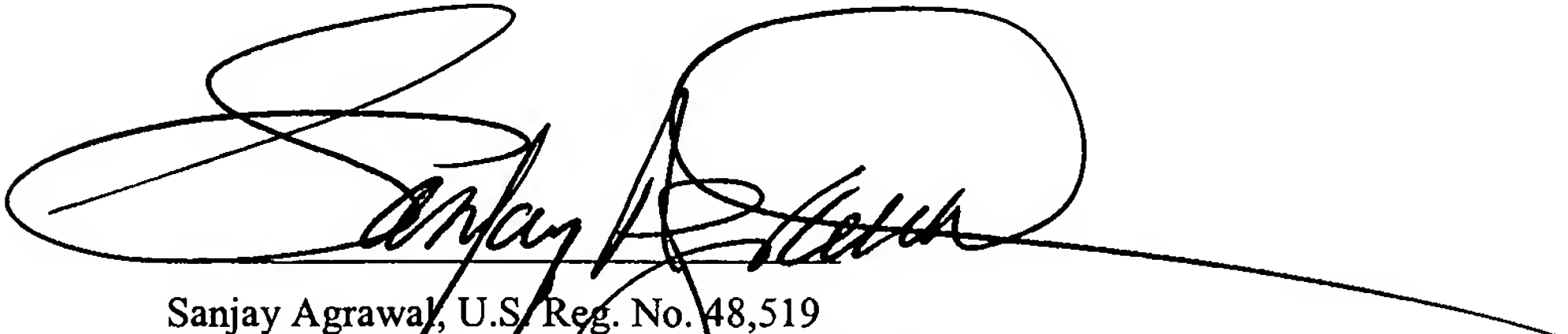


8. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein the viscosity of said coating is similar to that of the product coated.
9. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein the product coated consists of a mixture of a meat, a meat by-product, a fish, a fish by-product, a poultry, a poultry by-products, a pork, a pork by-products, a cereal and water and a combination thereof.
10. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein said food composition is a pet food.
11. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein said food composition is an emulsion.
12. A food composition according to Claim 11 wherein said emulsion comprises a mixture of a meat, a cereal, a plant texturing protein, an animal texturing protein, water, vitamins, salt, flavoring, a colorant, and a combination thereof.
13. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein said coating comprises a mixture of a caramelized sugar, a starch, a guar, a carboxymethyl-cellulose, a flour, water, a plasma, a powdered blood, sodium alginate, a salt, a sugar, an ascorbic acid, a gluten, an iron oxide and a combination thereof.
14. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein said coating after cooking creates a non-homogenous, irregular, random roasted appearance to said food composition.
15. A food composition according to Claim 1 wherein said cooking is performed by at least one of a hot air system, a steam system, a combined hot air and steam system, a microwave system.
16. A process for preparing an animal food composition having a roasted appearance after cooking, comprising the steps of:
  - coating said food composition;
  - cooking said food composition;
  - cooling said food composition; and
  - packaging said food composition.
17. A process according to Claim 16 wherein said food composition comprises an emulsion and a non-homogenous, coating.
18. A process according to Claim 17 wherein said coating comprises a pigment or colorant and a source of proteins.
19. A process according to Claim 18 wherein said pigment represents from about 5% to about 20% of the weight of said coating.
20. A process according to Claim 18 wherein said source of proteins represent from about 5% to about 20% of the weight of said coating.
21. A process according to Claim 17 wherein said emulsion comprises a mixture of a meat, a meat by-product, a fish, a fish by-product, a poultry, poultry by-products, a pork, pork by-products, a plant texturing protein, an animal texturing protein, vitamins, salt, flavoring, a colorant, a cereal, water and a combination thereof.

22. A process according to Claim 16 wherein said step of cooking further comprises the step of cooking said food composition in at least one of a hot air system, a steam system, a combined hot air and steam system, a microwave system.
23. A process according to Claim 17 wherein said step of cooking further comprises the step of cooking said food composition in an extruder.
24. A process according to Claim 23 wherein said step of cooking said food composition in an extruder, wherein said extruder includes a first inlet having a first diameter and a second inlet having a second diameter, said first diameter is greater than said second diameter, and said second inlet is concentrically located inside said first inlet.
25. A process according to Claim 24 wherein said coating flows inside said first inlet and said emulsion flows inside said second inlet.
26. A process according to Claim 18 wherein said step of cooking further comprises the step of cooking said food composition until the proteins of said coating coagulate.
27. A process according to Claim 18 further comprising the step of varying the cooking time, temperature, and ratio of protein and colorants to produce an appearance of a non-homogeneous, roasted surface.
28. A process according to Claim 17 wherein said coating comprises a mixture of a caramelized sugar, a starch, a guar, a carboxymethyl-cellulose, a flour, water, a plasma, a powdered blood, sodium alginate, a salt, a sugar, an ascorbic acid, a gluten, an iron oxide and a combination thereof.



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